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CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV

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CSZ Again Leads

Sha'ar Zahav members and friends in the Bay Area Jewish community will once again (our fifth year) participate in a volunteer effort on Christmas Eve and Open Hand Effort

ceries to relieve some of the regulars who will be taking a well-deserved hol-iday, we also will be supplementing Open Hand's staffing by delivering gift packaging and delivering meals and gro-Christmas Day. In addition to cooking, packages for Christmas.

mittee and the AIDS Project of Jewish Family and Children's Services, this event has been very successful in the past and personally rewarding for all who con-Sponsored by our Bikkur Cholim com-

iributed a few hours of their time.
You must sign up by November 30 to participate in this effort. A sign-up form is Continued on page 8

### Members Pot Luck (Not Just for) New

about CSZ committees and activities Call Carolyn or Judy at \$10/ 532-9661 for more information. Member Pot Luckand Havdalah Service at the home of Rabbi Kahn and Dan Bellm on Saturday, November 7, from 5 to 8 pm. Welcome newcomers! Meet synagogue leaders! Learn Everyone is invited to the next New

## New Day for Shabbat Morning Services

schhorn and Rabbi Yoel Kahn will lead the service, which begins at 10:30 am. Our Shabbat moming services are informal, spirited and participatory; a discussion of the weekly Torah portion CSZ Saturday moming services move to the second Saturday of the month, beginning in November. On November 14, CSZ music consultant Linda Hiris a major feature of our services. Please join us!

## JNF Dispute

meeting of the World Congress of Gay, and Lesblan Jewish Organizations, when Stewart Paskow, Director of Communi-The announcement ends a 13-year dis-pute between the JNF and the World An historic moment for gay and lesbian Jews was marked at the annual board cations for the Jewish National Fund cision to install a plaque at Lahav Israel with the inscription "Fourth Internation-(JNF) announced his organization's deal Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews.

forestation in Israel, to plant a woodland of trees at Lahav as a living memorial to the countiess numbers of gays and les-bians who gave of themselves to build pressure from an American fundamentalist minister and ultra-Orthodox Israeli rabbis, the JNF refused to mark the woodland with a standard dedicatory The dispute originated in 1979, when 11 gay and lesbian Jewish groups donated \$9,000 to the JNF, an organization dedicated to land reclamation and reand defend the land of Israel. Under

### A Mah Jongg Chanukah: A Party, A Play, and More

Please save Saturday, December 19 for Sha'ar Zahav's annual Chanukah party.

parents are welcome.

"A Mah Jongg Chanukah," a play written by CSZ congregants, will be part of the evering sentertainment. Iryouts for starting roles and bit parts in this CSZ theatring roles and bit parts in this CSZ theatring a varavaganza will be held on Monday, November 16 at 7 pm at the synagogue. Call Jonathan Coldman (641-4231) for details. auditorium of Laguna Honda Hospital at 7 pm. A children's party (which we hope will be intergenerational) will be held earlier in the day at 11 am. Non-This year's event will be held in the

We will also hold a candle lighting

plan ahead and bring your pre-cooked latkes to the party. A latke recipe will be food will be latkes. We ask all of you to ceremony (please bring your menorahs to the event) and, of course, the featured printed in the December newsletter.

Our annual Chanukah raffle and si-Continued on page 7



David Weinstein and Eilenn Læy staff our booth and sign up new member Andy Ingall at the Not Just for Newcomers Jewish Fair. PHOTO BY INM VINCENTE



# Proposition 161: Ald-in-Dying Initiative

for office, the November ballotincludes the now customary laundry list of focal and state propositions. Fortunately, California ballot-there are anti-gay rado. The campaigns opposing these there is no La Rouche initiative or simnity this year, at least not on the llarly dangerous attack on our commumeasures deserve our support.

with this beng generally overtooked is proposition 16, entitled "Physician-As-sisted Death. Terminal Condition. Initiative Statute." Under current state law adults may authorize the withhold-ing or withdrawal of life-sustaining equipment in the case of terminal III-ness or permanent unconscious condi-tion. Many of us have executed "living wills" specifying our wishes if we were to be in such a situation; some of us have had to participate in a decision to end treatment. However, current law does not allow doctors to provide "aid-in-dying," such as a lethal injection, even if a dying person requests it. One of the important propositions which has been generally overlooked is

physicians agree that the person has a life-expectancy of less than six months. The Jewish tradition is clear that while Proposition 161 would permit men-tally competent adults to instruct their physicians in writing to provide aid-in-dying upon their request when they become terminally ill. A person's request would be voluntary and could be withdrawn at any time. The measure allows a physician to administer such aid or administer, in the case where two provide the means to the person to self-It is permissible to take any necessary steps required to sase a dying person's

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plicitly forbidden to take active steps to hasten it. "The hour of our birth and the hour of our death depend on Heaven; all that is in between depends on us."
On Kol Nidre a year ago, I spoke about
the conflict between traditional Jewish pain or allow a death to occur, it is ex-

### Thanks

To David Stein and Alex Ingersoll for their donation of the Torah Reading Table cloths (covers), donated in memory of Frank Hyman.

teaching in this area and our contemporary sensibility. Having witnessed the slow and painful decline of people we love—a fearing such an end to our own final days—many today believe that the

this matter. I did not—and still do not-know how to balance my conflicting

Whether or not we agree with the stated goals of the initiative, the law as

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## Birthdays

Stephan Howard Neil Sechan Micha Klain-Chavez Steven Polsky Pamela Erwin Robin Rosenbaum Frank M. Zachary Miller Ionathan Goldman Tanya Aviv Adler Misha Cohen Sue Witt Randall Schiller Arlene Hoffman oshua Schechtel 3obby Harris Ali Cannon fova Green oel Levine

nta Commission on Aging, as well as many disability rights organizations oppose this measure. Even with our community sexperience and special con-

ds written, is a wise or fully thought-through proposal. I am not willing to cerns, I do not believe that this initiative,

resolve such an important matter-urgent as it is-in such an unsatisfactory

way. I ask you to join me in against Proposition 161.

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fahg Khorin Adler

with dignity," Precisely because mod-ern medicine can now protong life for extended periods, even after all "qual-ity" and individuality have been enoded, life with gentleness and without pain.
The Jewish tradition has taught, on the other hand, that life itself is of immeasurable value and that it cannot ever be proper end to a life with dignity is "death it is argued, the tools of modern medi-cine should be available to help end a quantified into a measurable quality. I ended my sermon a year ago by ex-plaining that, for now, I could not resolve

### CSZ Children's Services 5753/ The Younger Set 1992-93

Saturday, November 21, 11 am, Family Shabbat Service Saturday, December 19, 11 am, Family Chanukah program, Laguna Honda Hospital

Megillah reading and Purim party! Saturday, April 3, tba, Family Saturday, February 6, 11 am, Family Shabbat Service Saturday, March 6, 11 am,

Saturday, April 24, 11 am, Pamily Shabbat Service Saturday, May 15, 11 am, Family

# Caretaking—A Dilemma

strong sense of taking care of those people less fortunate; he was a quasi-socialist in the 30s and has never lost his commitment to tzedakali and trying to better others' lives. He spent many years of his high school teaching career in an all black school in Oakland, trying to bring about social change through education. I grew up with a combination of my parents' values of giving help through interpersonal assistance, advo-cation of liberal social causes, and tzeda-kah. For most of my life, I was able to do my part in each of these ways without feeling that I was in over my head. However, the past few years (parficu-larly the last) have been a real challenge to my commitment to caretaking. Even If one were to list the primary Jewish values, both culturally and religiously, acts of caretaking would be a tor near the top. For as long as I can remember, in both my religious upbringing and my and the responsibility to care for others.
My mother was always calling, sending cards, or visiting someone in the hospital. For her to forget someone's birthday amounted to a significant breach of her personal value system. My father has a family, I have been aware of the need or not offer to drive someone somewhere

written has serious flavas; and once enacted it is extremely difficult to amend. I
have, therefore, decided to vote against
Proposition 161 and urge you to do so
as well. Among the problems with the
initiative are: the absence of psychological evaluation, poor requirements for
documentation, no notification of fanily or friends, no counseling about
alternatives, no safeguards against misdiagnoses, and no recognition of the
obligations, ethics and situation of
nurses and other health professionals.
For these and other reasons, the California Nurses Association, the Califor-

tation that we would be engaged in caretaking throughout our lives, many of us have been thrust into situations far other life-threatening iliness among our women friends. Caretaking has become more demanding, physically and emo-tionally, than we ever expected. Those of us growing up in the 50s, 60s and 70s were hardly prepared to cope with the with the Jewish and the familial expecrelentless onslaught of the AIDS epidemic. On top of that, many of us here at Sha'ar Zahav have been confronted with a second occupation for many of us.

In addition, I hear more and more at Sha'ar Zahav about how members are

### Home Shabbat Dinners Children's Chawrah The Younger Set

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having to deal with parents who are no longer able to be independent, and are often challenged to provide assistance over great distances and sometimes without adequate economic resources. One vallant woman or man after an-other tries to juggle career, partner, and personal responsibilities while provid-ing needed care to sick friends and ailing

parents.

The dilemma is more than just how to do all of this and keep oneself sane and healthy and maybe have a moment to enjoy a movie or a walk in the park. The dilemma is really how to continue to be

depressed, and I have sole responsibility for her. Another dear friend has been very ill from AIDS and requires emotional and practical support. And even with all this, I know there are others This year my mother had a mastectomy, broke three ribs, broke her hip and had a stroke. My aunt has had a major hip who have even more to do. Fortunately, I have not had to nurse a dying lover, or deal with my own ill health. I am the first to admit that I am not extraordireplacement, is alone, confused, and nary; there are many others, including

Union of American Hebrew Congregations Northern California Council

## Remembrance, Healing and Hope Selection of Seminars on AIDS A Worship Service of

Rabbi Janet Marder Featured Speaker

Director of the UAHC National Committee on AIDS

Sunday, November 15, 1992 2 pm to 6 pm

2 Lake Street at Arguello Boulevard, San Francisco At Congregation Emanu-El true to that strong voice inside that bids us to continue to pour out our time and energy to help others. We know that next Yom Kippur we will have to confront whether or not we have done all we could to honor and embrace that overriding "should" of personal meron-sibility as Jews and human beings while not becoming so tred and burned out that one repudiates the entire value system. It is indeed a difficult task, as I have learned.

Any of you who might have been following my comments here and there over the year may recall that I've had to deal with caretaking and subsequent

many Sha'ar Zahav members who have had even greater burdens. But I will admit that I am tired, and that I wish I didn't have to do all of this. But I do, and I want to do it willingly and lov-

and surprising relief to life's dilemmas.
There in the middle of the Yom Kippur liturgy was one sentence that spoke to me, as I was thinking about the heavy burden of caretaking that I have assumed. I don't remember the exact words, but the message was that we have to take good care of ourselves, too, ingly, and that is not always easy. Judaism sometimes provides helpful

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### **Blood Donors** Thanks to

able for use by all CSZ members, their families and loved ones. For more information, call Jonathan Goldman (641-4231) or the Irwin Memorial Blood Center. Special thanks to all those who donated blood, baked goodies, and came to schmooze at the Annual Blood Drive on October 3. Blood donations are a valuable account at any time during the year sim-ply by designating Sha'ar Zahav at the time of donation. Our account is availgift and may be made to the synagogue's

## Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored onegs in October:

- Mark Pressler, commemorating
  - Jeffrey Miller's first yahrzeit Sherie Koshover, commemorating the yahrzeit of her father, Gilbert Koshover
    - Betty and Bernie Miller, 23
- commemorating their son Jeffrey Miller's first yahrzeit David Weinstein, celebrating the life of his brother, Paul 30

the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. For co-sponsoring—in honor of a member's birthday or anniversary—the cost is All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact only \$10.

You can also add a more personal touch by providing flowers (for the bima or oneg room) or special food to celebrate your occasion.

Continued from page 1 plaque naming the donors.

gay and lesbian Jews, the governing bodies of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and the American Jewish Congress both passed resolutions calling on the JNF to install the plaque at Lahav with the exact wording requested by the World Congress.
The UAHC resolution was also endorsed by the Association of Reform Zlonists of In a demonstration of solidarity with

-Marc Mencher World Congress Liaison

# High Holiday Thanks and Gratitude

High Holidav Moments

memories, with the sense of beauty and spirituality to lead us well into the new year, 5753. We want to thank all the volunteers who made the High Holiday services and celebrations possible for The High Holidays are still fresh in our

the congregation: Service leaders and gabbais: Nikki Jonathan Funk, Susan Gelmis, Azziza Khazzoom, Josh Lee, Henry Mach, Ora Prochovnick, Nathan Robinson, Kathy Simon, Gary Sokol, Susan Unger, Dana Vinicoff, Steve Weitz, Larry Wexler, Bengal, Daniel Chesir, Jonathan Comisar, Frank Yellin.

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Lay sermonizers: Robin Leonard, Larry Wexler, Frank Yellin.

High Holiday pitches: Mike Rankin, Nathan Robinson, Judy Schwartz. Ba'alei r'kiah (Shofar sounders): Sharma Gaponoff, Ron Lezell, David

The Ensemble: Jose-Luis Mosco-Stein, Marion Trentman.

vich, director; Phil Chamey, piano accompanist; Steve Elman, Terry Fletcher, Susan Gelmis, Debbi Jacóbs-Levine, Elieen Levy, Donna Rabinowitz, Jody Reiss, Ruth Schoenbach, Ivan Vin-cente. Original music and arrange-mentfor "Yehiyu L'Ratzon" by Jonathan

Goldberg, Andrew Ingali, Sam Kaplan, Stan Kern, Allyce Kimerling, Forrest Kin-cade, Ida Kuluk, Elleen & Jonah Levy, David Lopes, Julie Moed, Jacob Robin-son, Nathan Robinson, David Rosen, Sid Rosenthal, Jeffrey Rubin, Richard A.R. Shoemaker, Todd & Mark Taubman-Walker, Eric Temple, David Weinstein, Sylvia Weisenberg, Nina Wouk, Michael Ushers: Pam Erwin and Jeff Forman, Jessie Ap'neva, Ben Brody, Paul Cohen, Lynn Eden, Steven Elman, Nancy Facher, lerry Geffner, Simon Glinsky, Howard licket administration by Betty Kalis Jimmerman.

Hand, Forrest Kincade, Frank Kipnis, George Lucas, Nancy Meyer, Julie Moed, Florence Nacamulli, Marilyn O'Keeffe, Eric Temple, Nathan Robinson, Debo-Rosh Hashanah oneg and Yom Kip-pur "break fast" coordination by Shirley iberman and Judith Cohen, with lots of help from Shelley Eisenman, Gail

rah Udin, and some pretty special kids— Chris Camp, Ethan Frazin, Evan Kuluk, Jonah Levy, and Benjie Morgan-Achten

Tincher, with some last-minute "to the rescue" assistance by Allen Harris, David A., Naomi B., Jodan Berger, David Brode, Steve Elman, Peggy G., Tom Holt, Kellen K., Ron Lezell, Eve Merk Miller, Judy Schwartz, and Todd Taubman-Walker. (We hope we haven't forgotten anyone -- we truly are berg.
Child care coordination by Emily

grateful for your volunteering!)
Advertising and public relations assistance by Sharyn Saslafsky and Robin

rence and Steve Nacamulli. Annual Blood Drive coordination by Susan Tubbesing and Jonathan Goldman. Lobby Information Table staffed by Eileen Levy, Donna Rabinowitz, Josh Schechtel, Judy Schwartz, and Michele AIDS Food Bank coordination by FloAnnual visit to cemetery coordinated by Richard Inlander.

Overflow Room Monitors: Alison Cohen, Judith Cohen, Jonathan Goldman, Stan Kern, Eve Meyer and Jim Edlin, Josh Schechtel and "friend," and David Weinstein.

Oneg and "Break fast" donations by Wait Leiss.

Flowers by Lennie Lester.

Sound equipment and set-up by Randy Schiller. Yom Kippur afternoon discussion groups facilitated by: Judy Schwartz, Robert Gutterman, Roberta Achtenberg, Steve Davis and Robin Leonard, Coordination and preparation by Henry

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Sukkot hospitality by Allan Gold and Gary Glasser, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Belim, with coordination by Steve Elman.

Kahn for his practical as well as spiri-tual assistance, and to our CSZ office We extend special thanks to Rabbi staff, Mark Pressler and Jim Cotant for

all their hard work and support.

To all these CSZ members and friends tions of time, dedication, and love for we offer our deepest gratitude and most sincere appreciation for your contribu-

-Carolyn Pines and Larry Wexler, High Holiday Coordinators Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

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about Rabbi Ben's life and accomplishments, Rabbi Kahn led us into the study of another section of Reform Judaism: A

Centenary Perspective. This evening's por-tion dealt with the concept of diversity, and the fact that Reform Judaism engen-ders it: Diversity Within Unity, the Hall-

mark of Reform. Sha'ar Zahav, it is hoped, fully subscribes to such principles. "...In

all our diversity we perceive a certain unity and we shall not allow our differ-

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### Wedding/Union Planning

bah to chuppah to canapes-will be ex-plained at an informative afternoon with 15, at 7 pm. If you are considering a ceremony in 1993 or 1994, you are strongly encouraged to attend this program, which will include comments and guidance from couples who have celebrated not have to be planning a ceremony at this time or be in a relationship to partic-ipate; it is open to all CSZ members and a variety of different ceremonies. You do Our ceremony? Marriage? Everything you've wanted to know about planning commitment ceremony-from ketu-Rabbi Yoel Kahn on Sunday, November Domestic partnership? Life partnership? heir partners. Please RSVP to the synatogue office if you would like to attend

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Various opportunities are open, including escorting to the au-

ditorium Laguna Honda residents who

## Lost and Found

have left a lightweight, forest green zippered jacket (size L, "lya/gator club" over the pocket) at the Unitarian Center sometime during the High Holidays? If so, please call Carolyn Pines at 510/532-9661, Do you know a child who might



## ences in some particulars to obscure what binds us together."

The October Meeting of the Va'ad opened with Rabbi Kahn announcing the yahr-zeit of Rabbi Ben Marcus. After speaking

October Va'ad Report

from the last meeting, the Va'ad voted to send a letter to Bank of America asking it to clarify its position with regard to continued funding for the Boy Scouts. Our letter will ask for a response by the date of the next Va'ad meeting in early November, at which time we will de-cide what to do with our Security Pacific checking account.

Continued from page 1 lent auction will remain a part of our festivities. Raffle tickets are enclosed with this issue of Forward. If you have

Chanukah

items to donate for the auction, please

contact the synagogue office.

committee chairs that Reimbursement Request Forms should contain as much

wish to join us for our Chanukah celebration, door persons, set-up and clean-up, and many more. Call Jonathan (641-4231) or Shelkey (641-0811) for more

bership Committee, announced that a New Members' Potluck will be held on Saturday evening, November 7, at the home of Rabbi Kahn and Dan Bellm. Invitations will be going out later in the Judy Schwartz, representing the Mem-

On matters pertaining to children's edu-ation, Rabbi Kahn announced that cation, Rabbi Kahn announced

Herman on the birth of their son, Benjamin Woody Bernard Herman.

To Jon Funk and John Arnold on the

birth of John's son, Evan Martin Amold-

Cordon

To Claudia Bernard and Howard

Raena Kilby Frohlich.

on their new child, Sophia Klain-Chavez.

To Francine Frohlich and Stache Murray, on the birth of their daughter,

To Judith Klain and Marie Chavez

Naches

Treasurer Cary Sokol delivered a generally upbeat report. Dues pledges received to date total approximately \$134,000. Cary's current estimate is that we will come within 5% of the amount which CSZ budgeted for dues for the 1922-1993 fiscal year. In addition, approximately 40 new members joined the congregation just prior to the High Holidays. As a result, our membership now totals about 550.

On a question which was carried over

detail as possible because this will help determine the proper budget line from which the amount should be taken. In addition, people submitting these requests should allow up to two weeks for processing. Gary reminded all Va'ad members and

month.

FEAR OF TAXEST Get a head start with an understanding CSZ member so your tax preparer. April 19th may seem like a long way off, but I can help

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you get your paperwork logether now, and prepare your return early in the seaon. I also do book. keeping (any computer or yours) and can set up business. Lori Ubell 731-2081.

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President Alian Gold expressed the Valad's admiration, commendation and thanks to the Dues Committee for the important work which it performs on behalf of the congregation. extraordinarily time-consuming. David outlined for us the methods which the David Stein, representing the Dues Committee, presented a written report responsibilities and philosophies which came quite clear during the ensuing discussion that the committee's duties have increased in scope and are now committee utilizes to ensure adherence to the SAFE guidelines: Systematic, Across-the-Board, Fair, Equitable. At the conclusion of David's presentation, to the Va'ad concerning the procedures, guide that committee in its work. It be-

appears at this time that the enrollment is somewhat skewed toward the upper-age levels. Aviva Rosenstein has been hired

forum concerning the Physician-Assisted Death/Death with Dignity
initiative on the November ballot. At
the end of the month, he will attend and
deliver the keynote address at the UAHC
Northeast Regional Biennial Meeting in
Boston, Finally, CSZ will be hosting the
annual Northern California alumni as an additional teacher for Kadimah.
Rabbi Kahn then discussed his schedule with us, In the next few weeks, he will be attending a Jewish Community termarriage, and will be speaking at a breakfast for graduates of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rederation-sponsored conference on in-

the seminary of the Reform movement.
Va'ad members Dariel Chesir and Phil
Charney will act as liaisons to the Ficipating in the various budget processes from November through March or April.

At Allan Gold's request, the Va'ad approved Howard Herman to be the nance Committee. They will be parti-

congregations' representative to the Jewish Community Relations Council.
In his report, Mark Pressler asked for the cooperation of all Valod members and committee chairs in giving the office adequate notice if administrative or clerical tasks are needed. Also, Mark asked that the office be added to all mail-ing lists and be kept informed about all events and committee activities so the office can respond to the telephone inquiries better.

Finally, Ron Lezell announced that 38 members had sent in deposits for the CSZ Trip to Israel.

After several members of the Va'ad began to marvel at the relatively early conclusion of this particular meeting, President Allan Gold spoiled our sense of pleasure with the observation the many longer meetings lay ahead! A har-monious Oseh Shalom marked the end of this meeting.

## Condolences

To Henry Mach, on the death of his

friend Tom Lindsey.

To Susan Kaplan, on the death of her mother Gussy Kaplan Heshvarvicalev 5753 - November 1992 7

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Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors;

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Jon Funk on the birth of Evan Arnold-Cordon

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David Weinstein, in memory of
Leonard Dexter and in celebration of

of Brad and the new year, from both sides of the light David Weinstein, to celebrate the life the new year

David Weinstein, in memory of Lefty Leslie and in celebration of the new

Jon Funk, In honor of Larry Wexier and Carolyn Pines for a wonderful High Holidays

### Don't Miss the Mah Jongg Jubilee

If you've never played, don't worry, you'll have great fun learning. Peativites begin at 1 pm, Sunday, November 15 at Pam Erwin and Susan Unger's, 355 co. Bring a nosh to share and give Susan or Pam a call to RSVP and get directions (863-3717). One bam, two crack, wash those tiles, build that wall ... and have a Buena Vista East, #111W, in San Francismahivelous time.

included in this issue. We will be working with Rachel Kesselman of JFCS to fill the 350 volunteer slots this year. You Continued from page I will receive a confirmation in the mail Jon Funk, in honor of the birth of Evan Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pines, in honor of Jeff Forman's birthday Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pinee, in honor of the birth of Evan Arnold-

after you sign up.
Project Open Hand serves over 2,000 clients with AIDS every day in San Francieco and the East Bay. Many of our members and friends are benefiting from this wonderful service. PWAs are assured of a hot meal daily and caregivers are spared from being stretched beyond their limits. Children's Education Fund Susan Greenspan, in honor of Phyllis Mintzer, our beloved leacher and the babies, children, and teens at CSZ Mark Mackler and Ingu Yun, in honor of John Arnold, Nina Gordon, and

If you misplace the sign-up sheet or have any questions, please call me at (510) 284-3524.

-Roberta Weber

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Sarbara Sklar, in memory of her

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daughter, Stacy Sklar Leslle Caplan, in honor of her

Anniversaries

grandparents, Theda and Ely Kushel, for their love, support, understanding, and wisdom upon

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and there was recognition that some-times in taking care of others, we do neglect our own needs. It was comfortpronouncement that allowed me a little relief, not so much from the physical and logistical demands, but from the gave me the sense that maybe I could still be a good Jew and save a little someing to me just to read an "official" internal pressure always to be doing as much as I can. Just those softening words thing for myself.

Sometimes it's hard to know what to ask for. That is why Sha'ar Zahav can be such a wonderful place. When you have that people will reach out. Through a Sha'ar Zahav connection, I spoke to a nurse who graciously offered to talk to my aunt's doctor for me when I felt that a family of friends here and you share on one more person, or the complicated and exclusive medical fraternity. Those some of your life with them, you'll find I simply didn't have the energy to take acts of caring and loving kindness meant so much to me.

services and meetings, all provide a strong measure of sustenance so that I can provide my friends and relatives with year is that my presidency has not been burdensome. The life and growth that abounds here, the genuine mutual support that I observe and experience at level of volunteerism. In so many ways we have reached out to fulfill our obligations as Jews to make the lives of our the care that they need. Sha'ar Zahav is Perhaps the great irony of this past noted worldwide for its extraordinary fellow humans a little better.

Our Bikkur Choling Committee provides and organizes care for our sick members, as well as visits to nursing homes and holiday food deliveries. Because many of us have been stretched far beyond what we ever expected we could do, it is even more crucial that more of us join together through Bikkur all of us. Just as that nurse was able to do something for me that probably was comfortable and familiar for her, each of Cholim to share the caring efforts. What is important to remember is that caretaking may not require great effort for mitment of time may bring great relief to someone. Remember, too, that it is no us may have something fairly easy for difficult or impossible. Even a small com-

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Rabbi's office hours by appoint-ment. Please call the synagogue office at 861-8932.

Emergency Number: in an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-8838.

Services are hald every Enday evaning beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Houre: Fridays, 7:30-8:05 pm

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services,

Congregations (Mike Renkin, Allyce Kimer-ling, Lisisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations Member of the Union of American Hebrew (Marc Mencher, Liaison).

Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block scuth of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 19th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congrega-tion of the Golden Gate) is located in the

> the need for support or help, and it may be only a step away. Finally, we need to recognize that all ful, giving community at Sha'ar Zahav, which is ready and willing to be tapped for assistance. None of us is immune to sin to ask for help. We have a wonder

us that we do need to take care of our-selves. Caught between strong, powerful and age-old exhortations to perform of us have limits, that Judaism reminds

saying "no." Our own ability to give back may be strengthened if we take the time now and then to give lovingly to mitzot of caring, and a need to preserve our own stability and ground-edness, we may sometimes opt for

Note: Sha'ar Zahav's volunteers will be honored at an Oneg on November 20. Please join us to acknowledge our members who give so much. a



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# NOVEMBER

# זשוויכםלו

### \* Sprit, Healing Service 23 Monday 27 Heshvan Spm. Healing Service 7pm, Tryouts for Chanukah 16 Monday

10 Thesday
- 7pm, Introduction to Judaism
- 7pm, Exploring the Sources
- 7pm, Rabellah and
Psychology

## 24 Tuesday 28 Hoshvan

### • 7pm, Introduction to Judaism • 7pm, Exploring the Sources • 7pm, Crocheting Yamulkes • 8:30pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew · 8:30pm, Origins of Zionism

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7 Heshvan
Election Day

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· 8:30pm, Beginning

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Sunday 5 Herhvan

17 Tuesday 21 Heshvan

7pm, Exploring the Sources
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11 Wednesday 15 Heshvan • 7pm, Newsletter editing • 7:30pm, Torah Chanting at Jewish Community Center

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8 Heshvan
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- 26 Thursday Thanksgiving

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18 Wednesday 22 Heshvan

12 Thursday 15 Heshvan

27 Friday 2 Kisley

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7pm, Children's Education

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\* 6.15gm Shabbat Service, Daniel Cheek and Michelle Austrach

Friday 10 Heshvan

meeting

- 79 Thersday 23 Heshvan 6:30pm, Ritual meeting
- \* 8 13pm, Shahbat Bervice, Rabbi Kahn and Stove Wellz, 23 Saturday 3 Kisley
  - B.15pm, Shabbat Sarvica, Jonathan Funk 20 Friday 24 Heshvan
    - · Oneg to honor CSZ volunteers
      - 25 Hashvan

\* "J.S. Darn, Shabbar Service

• 5:30am, Kadimah • 5pm, New Members Pot Luck

7 Safurday 11 Heshvan

9:30am, Kadimah

12 Saturday 18 Heshvan

Sunday 4 Kisley 4 Kisley 5 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch

\* 1pm, Women's Chavurah, Mah Jongg Jubilee, 355 Buena Vista E. #111W • 7pm, Planning a Commitment

15 Sunday

- · 11am, Family Shabbel . 9:30am, Kadimah

\* Suth, Healing Served • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting

9 Monday 13 Heshvan

Sunday 12 Heshvan

## 22 Sunday 26 Heshvan

Note: Orty stees Indicate religious services.

\* Spin, Healing Service

30 Monday 5 Kisley

The deadline for all submissions to the December Gaily Forward is

# Monday, November 9

No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension arranged in advance with the newsletter chair. Any CSZ member is welcome to submit articles of interest to our readership. Please type and double-space your articles. You may mail or fax (861-6081) your material to CSZ, Attn: Gaily Forward.

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